

CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A method in a computer-based environment for providing transmission-based billing of content that transmits data over a network, comprising: determining billing tracking code; and instrumenting the determined billing tracking code into the content thereby modifying the content, such that, when the modified content is executed on a target device, the billing tracking code automatically communicates billing data based upon an amount of data transmitted between the modified content and the network.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the billing tracking code tracks the amount of data sent from the instrumented content over the network.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the network is the Internet.
4. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the amount of data is tracked at a packet level that is logically defined.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the billing tracking code tracks the amount of data received by the instrumented content from the network.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the network is the Internet.
7. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the amount of data is tracked at a packet level that is logically defined.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the content is Java-based.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the content contains byte-code instructions.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the instrumenting is accomplished at a byte-code level of content examination.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the instrumented content includes a security key and wherein the security key is transmitted with the automatically communicated billing data so that the integrity of the source of the billing data can be verified.
12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the security key is based upon a random number.
13. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the security key is application and subscriber specific.
14. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the security key is instrumented into the content upon receiving a request to download the content.
15. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the environment is integrated with a wireless carrier infrastructure.
16. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising causing the instrumented content to be downloaded to a target device over a wireless transmission medium.
17. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the content is requested by a subscriber of a carrier from the computer-based environment over a wireless transmission medium.
18. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising causing the instrumented content to be downloaded to a target device over a wired transmission medium.
19. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the wired transmission medium is the Internet.

20. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the billing data comprises at least one of amount of data sent, amount of data received, a time stamp, an application identifier, a security key, a transaction identifier, and a retry expiration indicator.
21. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the billing data is automatically communicated on the transmission basis to a billing server system.
22. (Original) The method of claim 21 further comprising transmitting data that is not billing data directly between the subscriber device and a server system that is not the billing server system.
23. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising integrating the billing data with customer-based billing information to generate a customer data record.
24. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the billing data is used to support a plurality of billing policies.
25. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein the billing policies include a promotional offer that provides reduced charges for a designated application.
26. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein the billing policies are provided by a content provider.
27. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the billing data are used to provide royalty payments to providers of the content.
28. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising causing data transmitted between the instrumented content and the network to be routed in accordance with the automatically communicated transmission based billing data.
29. (Original) The method of claim 28 wherein the routing enables efficient use of resources on the network.

30. (Original) The method of claim 28 wherein a priority is assigned to the content based upon transmission usage.
31. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the billing tracking code utilizes a proxy store and forward technique to transmit billing data and data transmission packets between the instrumented content and a plurality of server systems.
32. (Currently Amended) A network-based data packet delivered from a computer system to, and stored within a computer readable memory medium of, a target device, wherein the network-based data packet comprises content that has been instrumented with billing tracking code by a content modifier, whereby upon receiving the billing tracking code a modified content application ~~automatically causes generation of~~ inserts billing data on a transmission basis when the content is executed on the target device.
33. (Currently Amended) The network-based data packet of claim 32 wherein the modified content application ~~billing tracking code~~ tracks an amount of data sent from the computer system to the target device.
34. (Previously Presented) The network-based data packet of claim 33 wherein the network-based data packet is delivered from the computer system to the target device over the Internet.
35. (Currently Amended) The network-based data packet of claim 33 wherein the modified content application tracks the amount of data ~~is tracked~~ at a packet level.
36. (Currently Amended) The network-based data packet of claim 32 wherein the modified content application ~~billing tracking code~~ tracks an amount of data

- received by the target device from the computer system by the billing tracking code.
37. (Previously Presented) The network-based data packet of claim 36 wherein the network-based data packet is delivered from the computer system to the target device over the Internet.
38. (Currently Amended) The network-based data packet of claim 36 wherein the modified content application tracks the amount of data ~~is tracked~~ at a packet level.
39. (Previously Presented) The network-based data packet of claim 32 wherein the content is Java-based.
40. (Previously Presented) The network-based data packet of claim 32 wherein the content has been instrumented at a byte-code level of content examination.
41. (Previously Presented) The network-based data packet of claim 32 wherein the content contains byte-code instructions.
42. (Previously Presented) The network-based data packet of claim 32 wherein the content includes a security key.
43. (Previously Presented) The network-based data packet of claim 42 wherein the security key is application and subscriber specific.
44. (Previously Presented) The network-based data packet of claim 32 wherein the content is delivered from the computer system to the target device across a wireless transmission medium.
45. (Previously Presented) The network-based data packet of claim 32 wherein the content is delivered from the computer system to the target device across a wired transmission medium.

46. (Previously Presented) The network-based data packet of claim 45 wherein the wired transmission medium is the Internet.
47. (Currently Amended) The network-based data packet of claim 32 wherein the modified content application ~~billing tracking code~~ causes generation of at least one of an amount of data sent, an amount of data received, a time stamp, an application identifier, a security key, a transaction identifier, and a retry expiration indicator.
48. (Previously Presented) The network-based data packet of claim 32 wherein the billing tracking code is used to route data from the content in accordance with the billing data.
49. (Previously Presented) The network-based data packet of claim 32 wherein the target device is a wireless device.
50. (Currently Amended) A transmission-based billing system residing in a memory in a computer environment programmed to automatically generate billing data for content that executes on a client device comprising a modified content application resident in memory and that transmits data over a network, comprising: a content modifier component ~~that~~ configured to instrument[[s]] the content with billing tracking code, that, when executed on the client device, the modified content application ~~automatically is configured to~~ communicate[[s]] billing data that reflects an amount of data transmitted over the network.
51. (Currently Amended) The transmission-based billing system of claim 50 wherein the ~~billing tracking code~~ modified content application is configured to track[[s]] an amount of data sent over the network.

52. (Previously Presented) The transmission-based billing system of claim 51 wherein the network is the Internet.
53. (Currently Amended) The transmission-based billing system of claim 51 wherein the modified content application tracks the amount of data ~~is tracked~~ at a logical packet level.
54. (Currently Amended) The transmission-based billing system of claim 50 wherein the modified content application ~~the billing tracking code~~ tracks an amount of data received from the network by the billing tracking code.
55. (Previously Presented) The transmission-based billing system of claim 54 wherein the network is the Internet.
56. (Previously Presented) The transmission-based billing system of claim 54 wherein the amount of data is tracked at a logical packet level.
57. (Previously Presented) The transmission-based billing system of claim 50 wherein the content is Java-based.
58. (Previously Presented) The transmission-based billing system of claim 50 wherein the content contains byte-code instructions.
59. (Previously Presented) The transmission-based billing system of claim 50 wherein the content modifier component instruments the content at a byte-code level of content examination.
60. (Currently Amended) The transmission-based billing system of claim 50 wherein the content includes a security key ~~and wherein the security key is transmitted with the billing data so that integrity of a source of the billing data can be verified upon receipt.~~

61. (Previously Presented) The transmission-based billing system of claim 60 wherein the security key is based upon a random number.
62. (Canceled) ~~The transmission-based billing system of claim 60 wherein the security key is application and subscriber specific.~~
63. (Previously Presented) The transmission-based billing system of claim 60 wherein the security key is instrumented into the content upon receiving a request to download the content.
64. (Previously Presented) The transmission-based billing system of claim 50 wherein the computer environment is integrated with a wireless carrier infrastructure.
65. (Previously Presented) The transmission-based billing system of claim 50, further comprising a provisioning manager causing the instrumented content to be downloaded to a target device over a wireless transmission medium.
66. (Previously Presented) The transmission-based billing system of claim 65 wherein the content is requested by a subscriber of a carrier from the computer environment over a wireless transmission medium.
67. (Previously Presented) The transmission-based billing system of claim 50, further comprising a provisioning manager causing the instrumented content to be downloaded to a target device over a wired transmission medium.
68. (Previously Presented) The transmission-based billing system of claim 67 wherein the wired transmission medium is the Internet.
69. (Previously Presented) The transmission-based billing system of claim 50 wherein the billing data comprises at least one of an amount of data sent, an amount of

data received, a time stamp, an application identifier, a security key, a transaction identifier, and a retry expiration indicator.

70. (Previously Presented) The transmission-based billing system of claim 50 wherein the billing data is automatically communicated on a transmission basis to a billing server system.

71. (Previously Presented) The transmission-based billing system of claim 70 further comprising a packet detecting and forwarding module for transmitting data that is not billing data directly between the client device and a server system that is not the billing server system.

72. (Previously Presented) The transmission-based billing system of claim 50, further comprising an accounting program integrating the billing data with customer-based billing information to generate a customer data record.

73. (Canceled) ~~The transmission-based billing system of claim 50 wherein the billing data is used to support a plurality of billing policies.~~

74. (Currently Amended) The transmission-based billing system of claim ~~73~~ 72 wherein the billing ~~policies~~ data includes a promotional offer ~~that provides reduced charges for a designated application.~~

75. (Canceled) ~~The transmission-based billing system of claim 73 wherein the billing policies are provided by a content provider.~~

76. (Canceled) ~~The transmission-based billing system of claim 50 wherein the billing data are used to provide royalty payments to providers of the content.~~

77. (Previously Presented) The transmission-based billing system of claim 50, further comprising a proxy server causing data transmitted across the network to be routed in accordance with the transmission-based billing data.
78. (Currently Amended) The transmission-based billing system of claim 77 wherein the proxy server is configured to enable efficient use of resources on the network.
79. (Canceled) ~~The transmission-based billing system of claim 77 wherein a priority is assigned to the content based upon a transmission usage.~~
80. (Previously Presented) The transmission-based billing system of claim 50 wherein the billing tracking code incorporates a proxy store and forward technique to transmit billing data and data transmission packets between a plurality of server systems.
81. (Original) A computer-readable memory medium containing instructions for controlling a computer processor in a wireless device to automatically transmit packet-based billing data on a per-content basis, by: when a packet of data is received by content from a network, logging the amount of data received with an identifier of the content; when a packet of data is to be sent by the content over the network, logging the amount of data to be sent with an identifier of the content; and transmitting the logged amount of data with the identifier of the content to a server system to be accumulated, thereby enabling the server system to bill a subscriber based upon the accumulated data.

82. (Original) The computer-readable memory medium of claim 81 wherein the logging the amount of data is performed by code that is transparently loaded onto the wireless device.
83. (Original) The computer-readable memory medium of claim 81 wherein the logging the amount of data and transmitting the logged data are performed by code that resides in a code library.
84. (Original) The computer-readable memory medium of claim 81 wherein the logging the amount of data and transmitting the logged data are performed by code that resides in the network driver software of the wireless device.
85. (Original) The computer-readable memory medium of claim 81 wherein the logging the amount of data and transmitting the logged data are performed by code that is written to a specification for transmission-based billing.
86. (Original) The computer-readable memory medium of claim 81 wherein the logging the amount of data and transmitting the logged data are performed by code that is instrumented into the instructions prior to execution of the instructions on the client device.
87. (Original) A method in a wireless device for automatically transmitting packet-based billing data, comprising: when a packet of data is received from a network, logging the amount of data received; when a packet of data is to be sent over the network, logging the amount of data to be sent; and transmitting the logged amount of data to a server system to be accumulated, thereby enabling the server system to bill a subscriber based upon the accumulated data.

88. (Original) The method of claim 87 wherein the logging the amount of data is performed by code that is transparently loaded onto the wireless device.
89. (Original) The method of claim 87 wherein the logging the amount of data and transmitting the logged data are performed by code that resides in a code library.
90. (Original) The method of claim 87 wherein the logging the amount of data and transmitting the logged data are performed by code that resides in the network driver software of the wireless device.
91. (Original) The method of claim 87 wherein the logging the amount of data and transmitting the logged data are performed by code that is written to a specification for transmission-based billing.
92. (Original) The method of claim 87 wherein the logging the amount of data and transmitting the logged data are performed by code that is instrumented into the instructions prior to execution of the instructions on the client device.
93. (Currently Amended) A wireless device that automatically transmits packet-based billing data, comprising: a modified content application stored within a computer readable memory medium of the wireless device and operable with billing and tracking code that, when a packet of data is received from a network, logs an amount of data received; when a packet of data is to be sent over the network, logs an amount of data to be sent; and transmits a logged amount of data to a server system to be accumulated, thereby enabling the server system to bill a subscriber based upon the accumulated data.
94. (Original) The wireless device of claim 93 wherein the billing and tracking code is transparently loaded onto the wireless device.

95. (Original) The wireless device of claim 93 wherein the billing and tracking code resides in a code library.

96. (Previously Presented) The wireless device of claim 93 wherein the billing and tracking code resides in network driver software of the wireless device and is invoked from the modified content application.

97. (Canceled) ~~The wireless device of claim 93 wherein the billing and tracking code is written to a specification for transmission-based billing.~~

98. (Canceled) ~~The wireless device of claim 93 wherein the billing and tracking code is instrumented into the modified content application prior to execution of the modified content application.~~